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## Grow Wabash County to postpone State of Our Communities event

Grow Wabash County has announced they will postpone the State of Our Communities event, which was formerly slated for Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Eagles Theatre, 106 W. Market St. The new date will be from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1 at the Eagles Theatre. Registration will open in the coming weeks and further information about tickets and

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# ISDH reports four more local COVID-19 deaths, total now 72

However, both Wabash County, state have seen a significant decrease in infections

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 69th,

70th and 71st COVID-19 deaths in Wabash County. And, on Tuesday, the ISDH reported the 72nd local COVID-19 death. However, Wabash County,

like much of the rest of the state has seen a significant decrease in new infections over the past few weeks.

During a televised press conference on Wednesday, Feb. 3, state health commissioner Kristina Box said they continued to see improvement in the state's positivity

rating.

"It continues the downward trend of the past few weeks," said Box.

Box said they had seen a decline in the number of Hoosiers hospitalized with COVID-19 symptoms, with around 1,600 being currently hospitalized, down from

around 1,900 the previous week.

Box said the number of daily hospital admissions had fallen below 200, which was down from the peak of 526 on Dec. 7.

Box said the state's

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Mayor Scott Long said those who received their first doses starting Jan. 14 were being notified that their second dose would be administered at the Honeywell Center, instead of the Wabash County Museum, where the first doses were administered.

## Second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine begin locally Friday

Those who received their first doses on Jan. 14 will have appointments at Honeywell Center

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During Monday's Wabash City Council meeting, Mayor Scott Long said they would soon begin administering the second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine locally.

Long said those who received their first doses starting Jan. 14 were being notified that their second dose would be administered at the Honeywell Center, instead of the Wabash County

Museum, where the first doses were administered.

Long said the majority of those who have been fully vaccinated already are predominantly health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities.

"I look for these numbers increase dramatically on the people who have gotten vaccinated," said Long.

Long said they had given over 715 vaccinations last week alone at the Honeywell Center, and anticipated about that many this week also.

Long said Wabash County is receiving 800 doses per week in anticipation of a greater population signing up that meet the age criteria.

Last week Long said he had requested assistance with vaccinators

and administrative personnel to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and the Indiana National Guard will be supplying people to supplement the volunteers to accommodate more people.

Long said Walgreens and CVS are not offering the vaccinations, other than being tasked with vaccinating people residing in long term care facilities.

Long said other, larger cities are offering clinics through Walmart, Meijer and Kroger locations.

Long said 211 has been problematic in scheduling vaccinations for area residents. He said his staff has encouraged instead people to schedule

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## Two COVID immunity bills are moving through the Indiana General Assembly

Advocates push for exclusions regarding health care facilities

By TIM TEDESCHI  
Chronicle-Tribune Managing Editor

Two separate bills that would protect a wide range of organizations from civil liability in lawsuits dealing with COVID-19 are moving through

the Indiana General Assembly, while advocates are pushing for health care organizations to not be included in the protections.

Sen. Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) authored Senate Bill 1 (SB1), which would give private businesses, nonprofits, local and state governments, educational institutions and religious organizations liability protections if someone alleges they were exposed to COVID-19 on their property or during an organized activity. Before a

Senate vote on the bill Jan. 28, Messmer said the bill came out of requests from a variety of stakeholders and supporters concerned about a "looming cloud of uncertainty" regarding lawsuits dealing with COVID-19 issues.

The Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council (INSILC) has expressed opposition for health care facilities including nursing homes,

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## North Manchester passes resolution extending COVID-19 sick time

Federally mandated program extended for at least another six months

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

North Manchester employees who are suffering from, or caring for a family member who is suffering from COVID-19 symptoms will still have access to extended sick leave in the new year.

The resolution was passed unanimously during the regular Wednesday, Feb. 3 monthly meeting of the North Manchester Town Council.

Presenting the resolution to

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## Learn More Center seeks support from North Manchester

\$6,150 request aims to reduce barriers to earning HSE, other services

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Learn More Center is trying to reduce the number of barriers for those seeking to earn their high school equivalencies (HSE) and has asked the town of North Manchester for funding to that end.

At the regular monthly meeting of the North Manchester Town Council on Wednesday, Feb. 3, Learn More Center

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# Area students are named to Trine President’s List

They must complete a minimum of 12 hours, have a 3.750 to 4.000 GPA

STAFF REPORT

Several area students were named to the Trine University President’s List for the fall 2020 term, according to a press release. To earn President’s List honors, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.750 to 4.000.

The following area students were named to the President’s List:  
■ Levi Fulkerson, of Wabash, majoring in exercise science and pre-physical therapy.  
■ Chase Guenin, of La Fontaine, majoring in civil engineering.  
■ Erika Kendall, of North Manchester, majoring in chemical engineering.  
■ Ryan Lotz, of Urbana, majoring in design engineering technology.  
■ Benjamin Roudebush, of La Fontaine, majoring in computer science and information technology.

■ Madison Shrider, of Wabash, majoring in exercise science and pre-physical therapy.  
■ Beatrice Snavely, of North Manchester, majoring in psychology.  
■ Remington Trick, of North Manchester, majoring in biomedical engineering.  
■ Samuel Watkins, of Urbana, majoring in biomedical engineering.  
■ Alexis Westendorf, of Wabash, majoring in actuarial science.  
■ Grant Whitham, of La Fontaine, majoring in mechanical engineering.

# MSD now offering 3-year-old preschool for 2021-22 year

Financial assistance is also available for qualifying families

STAFF REPORT

MSD has announced the expansion of their Little Knights and Little Norse Preschool programs to include children age 3, according to director of communication and community engagement Laura Langebartels. Beginning at the start of the 2021-2022 school year, children who are age 3 or 4 by Aug. 1 are now eligible to enroll. Registration for the 2021-

2022 school year is open now. Spots are limited, so families are encouraged to register soon. These preschool programs have been recognized by the state of Indiana for achieving the highest quality standards, as demonstrated by their Paths To Quality Level 3 rating. House in elementary schools, Little Knights at Southwood Elementary and Little Norse at Metro North Elementary experience the benefits of access to meal programs and health services. Children in the 4-year-old program even have special classes included such as Art, Music, and PE. These

students have the option of riding the school bus as well, and are taught by licensed teachers, ensuring the highest level of Kindergarten readiness. Students attend Monday through Friday for either a half- or full-day, and follow the regular MSD school year calendar. Preschool tuition amounts to \$17 per day, “making the MSDWC Littles one of the most affordable preschools in the area,” said Langebartels. Financial assistance is also available for qualifying families. For more info, visit [www.msdlc.k12.in.us/preschool](http://www.msdlc.k12.in.us/preschool) or call 260-563-8050.

## Arson hits historic Indiana covered bridge

BLOOMFIELD (AP) — Indiana State Police and state fire marshals are investigating an arson at a historic covered bridge in southwestern Indiana. A fire Sunday caused damage to the Plummer Creek Covered Bridge, also known as the A.M. Kennedy & Sons Covered Bridge,

in the Greene County community of Bloomfield, 67 miles southwest of Indianapolis, police said. The Taylor Township Fire Department said a fire had been set on one of the structural beams of the bridge. Crews were able to quickly extinguish it. The historic bridge, built all the way back in 1883, is closed until it is found to be safe for traffic.

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Who am I?

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**First Prize \$500   Second Prize \$250   Third Prize \$150**  
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5. In which European city would you find Orly airport?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

No purchase necessary. Entry form must be completely filled out to qualify. Only one entry per household per week is permitted. All decisions of the newspaper are final. Employees and their immediate family members of the newspaper are not eligible to win.

Drawing of all eligible entries will be drawn on February 23, 2021, picking first, second, third, fourth and fifth place winners; and published in the newspaper on February 27, 2021. Must be 18 years or older.

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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 6:14 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:39 a.m.

 New 2/11	 First 2/19	 Full 2/27	 Last 3/5
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 60% chance of scattered snow, high temperature of 25°, humidity of 81%. Northeast wind 11 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of scattered snow, overnight low of 16°. North northeast wind 11 to 14 mph.



Arts United Awards are presented annually to celebrate individuals and organizations that make significant contributions to arts and culture in Northeast Indiana. Provided photo

# Honeywell Foundation named recipient of 2021 Arts United Award


Among 28 nominees in the region, the organization shows resilience, adaptiveness

STAFF REPORT

“In a year of unprecedented challenges and pivots,” The Honeywell Foundation was selected along with eight other Northeast Indiana recipients for a 2021 Arts United Award for demonstrating resilience and adaptiveness, according to public relations and marketing coordinator Morgan Ellis. Arts United Awards are presented annually to celebrate individuals and organizations that make significant contributions to arts and culture in Northeast Indiana. “It’s with an overwhelming feeling of gratitude that The Honeywell Foundation accepts this 2021 Arts United Award. Our organization faced many challenges in 2020 but it’s because of our team of dedicated, hard-working individuals that we were able to innovate and pivot our operations so that we could continue to deliver arts opportunities,” said Honeywell Foundation CEO Tod Minnich. Ellis said The Honeywell Foundation’s mission is to provide artistic, social, recreational, and cultural opportunities for all. “The Foundation provides opportunities for self-expression, creativity, and enrichment through its arts-based programming serving people of all ages, race, ethnicity and socioeconomic backgrounds throughout northeast Indiana. Each year, the Foundation engages and enriches the lives of more than 280,000 individuals through its world-renowned touring performances, visual art offerings, expansive historic and cultural opportunities, and innovative educational outreach. The Foundation owns and operates several unique venues in Wabash

County including the Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre, Honeywell House, Dr. James Ford Historic Home, and Charley Creek Gardens. In addition to these five venues, the Foundation operates the 13-24 Drive In,” said Ellis. Ellis said due to performing arts venue closures, The Honeywell Foundation opened the 13-24 Drive In at the end of May to present family “throwback” films to entertain audiences of all ages. In addition to films on the outdoor screen, Honeywell Arts & Entertainment moved its free summer plaza music series from the Honeywell Center to the Drive In and hosted its inaugural season of live, national touring acts at the Drive In. Performances by for KING & COUNTRY, Aaron Lewis, Lee Brice, Austin French & JJ Weeks, and more graced the 13-24 Drive In music stage for their first drive in concert performances. Ellis said the Foundation’s Education team pivoted into area classrooms via Zoom and social media with its Visual Thinking Strategies content for teachers and students. In addition, a virtual Spring Break Bash event with Wabash artist Candie Cooper took the place of the typical in-person Spring Break Bash event. The Foundation’s annual Visual and Performing Art Camps shifted gears to online and in-person hybrid events, offering art classes over Zoom and theatre classes online and on the socially distanced Eagles Theatre stage. “The Honeywell Foundation’s Board of Directors expresses its highest level of appreciation toward the Honeywell team for their excellence and dedication to the mission they represent and the work that they do daily, making Northeast

Indiana a better place,” Honeywell Foundation Board Chair Howard Halderman said. “The team used the pandemic to develop new strategies and create opportunities for a very bright future. We anticipate nothing but great things to come from the Foundation in 2021 and beyond.” Among The Honeywell Foundation were eight additional recipients including:  
■ Andre Portee  
■ Art This Way (Mayor’s Arts Award)  
■ Chalk Walk at Home (Fort Wayne Museum of Art)  
■ Fort Wayne Civic Theatre’s “1776”  
■ Francisco Reyes  
■ Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership  
■ Rachael Driscoll  
■ David Meyer (Lifetime Achievement Award)  
The 2021 Arts United Award recipients received hand-crafted awards made by the Hoosier husband and wife creative team of Lisa Vetter and Paul Siefert. Together, they manage The Art Farm in Spencerville. According to their website, ArtFarmIndiana.com, the couple is “best known for their found object functional art and jewelry.” Vetter and Siefert use the natural world as the inspiration for their creations, designing through upcycling from thrown-away objects. “Every year, Arts United chooses a local artist to create the awards as a part of our mission of advocating for and advancing, local artists. When I approached Lisa, I told her that what caught our eyes was a clock listed on their Etsy (store) but that they had complete creative freedom to do whatever they wanted,” Arts United Director of Development Carolyn Bean said. For the full list of 2021 Arts United Award nominees, visit ArtsUnited.org. To view the special presentation of the 2021 Arts United Awards, visit FortWaynesNBC.com/arts.



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# Obituaries

## Ruth Helena Alber

June 26, 1922 – Feb. 6, 2021

Ruth Helena Alber, 98, of Bloomington, Indiana, formerly of rural Wabash, died at 8:15 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at Hearthstone Health Campus in Bloomington. She was born on June 26, 1922 in Miami County, Indiana, to Ernest W. and Helen A. (Leibo) Ahlfeld.

Ruth was a 1940 graduate of Roann High School. She married Donald David Alber at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru, Indiana on March 5, 1944; he died Feb. 24, 2012. Ruth owned and operated Alber's Boarding Kennel from 1950 through the 1970s.

Her main focus was dogs and cats but would care for birds and other pets as well. She loved being able to provide this service and had a long list of loyal customers as a result. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Wabash, but was very involved in the Lutheran church both in Wabash and Peru. Ruth enjoyed playing croquet, euchre, and pinochle. She also enjoyed doing puzzles in the winter and gardening in the summer, where she planted and harvested an acre and a half garden.

Ruth was always a big supporter of her nieces and nephews and especially her granddaughter, Ruth Clarie. She was a longtime Wabash County resident but had lived in Bloomington since



November 2014.

She is survived by her son, Scott (Barbara Hatton) Alber and granddaughter, Ruth Claire Alber, all of Bloomington. She was also preceded in death by her parents, son, Greg Alber, three brothers, Albert Eugene Ahlfeld, Robert Ahlfeld, and James Ahlfeld, two sisters, Martha Moon, and Margaret McCombs Zentz.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Jerry Gauthier officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are Zion Lutheran Church, 173 Hale Dr, Wabash, IN 46992 or the St. Vincent DePaul Society, 1413 E. 17th Street, Bloomington, IN 47408

## Raymond T. Daniels

March 8, 1946 – Feb. 8, 2021

Raymond T. Daniels, 74, of Wabash, passed away at 6:04 a.m. on Feb. 8, 2021 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He was born on March 8, 1946, in Majestic, Kentucky, to the late Raymond and Bessie (O'Quinn) Daniels. Raymond is survived by two daughters, Leona Grier and Selena Jones; one sister, Josie Spangler; nine grandchildren and two

great-grandchildren. Per Raymond's request, there will be no services. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

## Patricia Louise 'Pat' Wake

July 14, 1941 – Feb. 8, 2021

Patricia Louise "Pat" Wake, 79, North Manchester, died Feb. 8, 2021 at her home. Born in Clinton, Indiana, on July 14, 1941, Pat was the daughter of Ithal and Lillie (Carnahan) Wilson.

The loving memory of Patricia "Pat" Wake will be forever cherished by her son, Brian (Heather) Wake; grandson, Connor Wake; sis-

ter, Shirley Hansell. Calling Friday, Feb. 12, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. A celebration of Pat Wake's life will begin at the conclusion of calling. Pastor J.P. Freeman will officiate. Final arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

## Dean M. Hauptert

Services for Dean M. Hauptert, 94, of rural Urbana, Indiana, were 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Pastor Kellie Herber officiated, and Nancy Miller was the musician. Special memories were shared by family and friends. Pallbearers

were Shawn Hauptert, Ryan Hauptert, Josh Leland, Matt Gillespie, Kevin Gillespie, and Evan Hauptert. Honorary pallbearer was Alan Coverdale. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, Urbana, Indiana. Military honors were presented by the active duty Army Reserve and VFW Post 286.

## John Price

Oct. 21, 1938 – Feb. 5, 2021

John Price, 82, North Manchester, died Feb. 5, 2021 at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash. John was born on Oct. 21, 1938 to Raymond "Bing" and Marjorie Evelyn (Bashore) Price.

John is survived by his son, Rick (Cathy) Price; brothers, Roger (Shirley) Price, Michael (Connie) Price, and Randy (Jennifer) Price; grandchildren, A.J. Price and

Ashley Price. Calling Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 at 11 a.m. with calling beginning at 10 a.m. at McKee Mortuary. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary

## Irene M. Schaaf

Irene M. Schaaf, 97, of Wabash, passed away at 8 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 at Parkview Wabash Hospital.

Irene is survived by three sons, Gary Schaaf of Freemont, Indiana, Dennis Schaaf of Warsaw, and Ron Schaaf of Laketon; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at

2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021 at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

There will be calling for family and friends one hour prior to the funeral service, starting at 1 p.m., at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).

## BRIEFS

### Wabash VFW Post No. 286 plans tenderloin dinner this Friday

The Wabash Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 has planned a tenderloin dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 at 3678 W. Old 24, according to Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand-breaded tenderloin, potato salad and coleslaw. The cost will be \$9 per person and will be open to the public. Carryout will be available.

The event will be following COVID-19 guidelines.

For more information, call 260-563-2463.

### Spence Trick, of North Manchester, named to UA Dean's List, President's List

Spence R. Trick, of North Manchester, was named to The University of Alabama Dean's List for fall 2020 and the Presidents List for spring 2020, according to a press release.

A total of 13,128 students enrolled during the fall 2020 term at The University of Alabama made the Dean's List with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale), or the President's List with academic records of 4.0 (all A's).

Trick was also named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for

spring 2020.

A total of 16,470 students enrolled during the 2020 spring term at UA were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

### Faith Macy, of Lagro, named to University of Evansville Dean's List for fall 2020

Faith Macy, of Lagro, was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester from the University of Evansville, according to a press release.

Macy is majoring in nursing. To merit the honor of being placed on the Dean's List each semester, a student must have carried a full academic load of 12 hours or more and have earned a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or above.

### Kaleb Kelsheimer, of Wabash, graduates, makes Dean's List at Trine University

Kaleb Kelsheimer, of Wabash, earned a degree in math education at Trine University at the end of the fall 2020 semester, according to a press release.

Kelsheimer was also named to the

Dean's List for the fall 2020 term. To earn Dean's List honors, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 to 3.749.

### Wabash student Ava Smith named to Albion College Dean's List for fall 2020

Ava Smith was named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester, according to a press release.

Dean's List honors are given to students who achieve of grade point average of 3.5 or higher in four graded courses.

Smith is majoring in kinesiology-exercise science with a minor in communication studies. Smith is the child of Michael Smith and Julianne Tiede-Smith, of Wabash, and is a graduate of Northfield High School.

### Marina Meinert, of North Manchester, graduates from the University of Iowa

In December, more than 2,100 University of Iowa undergraduate, graduate, and professional students graduated, including Marina Meinert, of North Manchester, according to a press release.

Meinert earned a master of accountancy in accounting from Iowa's Graduate College.

# We should get our priorities straight

You may have heard that a 9-year-old was recently pepper-sprayed by a police officer in Rochester, New York. But did you happen to watch the whole 10-minute video of what transpired? There is so much more going on there than just another police brutality story. It's a window into pain.

The police were called to a domestic disturbance. According to the mother, mental illness is involved. It's a sometimes under-the-radar plague in our country – certainly for the individuals and families suffering from it. And the children!

The Pennsylvania Parent and Family

### Kathryn Lopez



Alliance shared one mother's reaction to the incident on its Facebook page, relating some of her family's experiences of having to make frantic 911 calls in fear of her child hurting herself or someone else, with police having to handcuff her child for the sake of everyone, including herself. Her 13-year-old is currently in residential treatment because "only a hospital setting" can keep her safe.

"I have received death threats that ended with my child in police custody. I have been physically attacked with fists, with feet, and with broken glass. I have called 911 while my

other children ran to a neighbor's home for safety. I have cleaned and bandaged my child's self-harm wounds. I have been to the ER and been to the ER," the woman writes. She suggests that the media spend more time asking questions about family life and needs rather than simply writing another cop brutality story.

Again, I don't know all that was going on in the Rochester situation, but it cannot be mere fodder for the woke wars. There are children in America who never have a chance. They may be victims of cycles of misery. Some of them may be sick and not have the help they need. Some of them are in homes incapable of giving them what they need because of illness, addiction and trauma.

The other day, I saw a young woman walking into a Planned Parenthood clinic while on her phone. It seemed clear the person on the other end was trying to talk her out of an abortion. One wonders what the circumstances are to make choosing life for your child not a conceivable option. We live in a time that seems to support abortion instead of working to make motherhood possible. Life is hard for families, and our culture and politics don't value them as the precious resource they are.

In a new book called "What It Means to Be Human: The Case for The Body in Public Bioethics," O.

Carter Snead from the University of Notre Dame argues that our public bioethics needs to be "grounded in the whole truth of who we are and how we stand in relation to one another as vulnerable, mutually dependent, finite, and embodied beings." That would be a game-changer. Snead argues that "we can only govern ourselves wisely, humanly, and justly if we become the kind of people who can make each other's goods our own." That means doing more than putting up a sign on the lawn or assenting to the current political mantras in vogue. It means actually loving one another and working to help each other, no matter the sacrifices involved.

Before he got to the moment in the video that obviously got the most play, the police officer asked the girl what she needed. We need to ask that question more, and get creative about resources.

We don't need to defund the police, but we do need get people the help they need. That's a question for civil society to take the lead on and for government to support.

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# Trump's historic second impeachment trial opens with jarring video of Jan. 6 siege

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats opened Donald Trump's historic second impeachment trial Tuesday by showing the former president whipping up a rally crowd to march to the Capitol and "fight like hell" against his reelection defeat, followed by graphic video of the deadly attack on Congress that came soon after.

The lead House prosecutor told senators the case would present "cold, hard facts" against Trump, who is charged with inciting the mob siege of the Capitol to overturn the election he lost to Democrat Joe Biden. Senators sitting as jurors, many who themselves fled for safety that day, watched the jarring video of Trump supporters battling past police to storm the halls, Trump flags waving.

"That's a high crime and misdemeanor," said Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., in opening remarks. "If that's not an impeachable offense, then there's no such thing."

Trump is the first president to face impeachment charges after leaving office and the first to be twice impeached. The Capitol siege stunned the world as hun-

dreds of rioters ransacked the building to try to stop the certification of Biden's victory, a domestic attack on the nation's seat of government unlike any in its history. Five people died.

Acquittal is likely, but the trial will test the nation's attitude toward his brand of presidential power, the Democrats' resolve in pursuing him, and the loyalty of Trump's Republican allies defending him.

Trump's lawyers are insisting that he is not guilty of the sole charge of "incitement of insurrection," his fiery words just a figure of speech as he encouraged a rally crowd to "fight like hell" for his presidency. But prosecutors say he "has no good defense" and they promise new evidence.

Security remained extremely tight at the Capitol on Tuesday, a changed place after the attack, fenced off with razor wire with armed National Guard troops on patrol. The nine House managers walked across the shuttered building to prosecute the case before the Senate.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Biden would not be watching the trial of his predecessor.

"Joe Biden is the president, he's not a pundit, he's not going to opine on back

and forth arguments," she said.

With senators gathered as the court of impeachment, sworn to deliver "impartial justice," the trial was starting with debate and a vote over whether it's constitutionally permissible to prosecute Trump after he is no longer in the White House.

Trump's defense team has focused on the question of constitutionality, which could resonate with Republicans eager to acquit Trump without being seen as condoning his behavior.

Lead lawyer Bruce Castor said that no member of the former president's defense team would do anything but condemn the violence of the "repugnant" attack, and "in the strongest possible way denounce the rioters."

Yet Trump's attorney appealed to the senators as "patriots first," and encouraged them to be "cool headed" as they assess the arguments.

At one pivotal point, Raskin told the personal story of bringing his family to the Capitol the day of the riot, to witness the certification of the Electoral College vote, only to have his daughter and son-in-law hiding in an office, fearing for their lives.

"Senators, this cannot be our future," Raskin said through tears. "This cannot be the future of America."

The House prosecutors argued there is no "January exception" for a president on his way out the door. Rep. Joe Neguse, D-Colo., referred to the corruption case of William Belknap, a war secretary in the Grant administration, who was impeached, tried and ultimately acquitted by the Senate after leaving office.

"President Trump was not impeached for run of the mill corruption, misconduct. He was impeached for inciting a violent insurrection – an insurrection where people died, in this building," Neguse said. If Congress stands by, he said, "it would invite future presidents to use their power without any fear of accountability."

It appears unlikely that the House prosecutors will call witnesses, in part because the senators were witnesses themselves. At his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida, Trump has declined a request to testify.

Trump's defense team has said it plans to counter with its own cache of videos of Democratic politicians making fiery speeches. "We have some videos up our sleeve," senior Trump adviser Jason Miller said on a podcast Monday.



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the council, clerk-treasurer Carrie Mugford said it would extend the emergency federal paid sick leave time put into place in 2020.

“Anyone who has not used their 80 hours of federally-mandated additional sick time due to COVID-19 symptoms or a family member having COVID-related issues, they can use that in 2021,” said Mugford.

Mugford said there had been some of this sick time used in 2020 for this very purpose.

Mugford said this resolution would extend the period through June, when it would sunset without further action.

The extended time was first put into place in response to the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), which went into effect April 1, 2020.

The FFCRA required certain employers, including public employers like North Manchester, to provide paid sick leave and Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave for certain absences

due to COVID-19.

The original resolution expired Jan. 1 when the provisions of the FFCRA did. However, employers may voluntarily extend this policy, which the council chose to do.

According to the resolution, those who have not exhausted this additional time as of Jan. 1 will be allowed to use that time for the next six months.

Before the vote was taken, District 4 councilmember Alan Miracle said “hoped” town was encouraging employees to sign up to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

“I’m not sure we’re making it mandatory,” said Miracle.

Town manager Adam Penrod confirmed that was the case.

“We’ve recommended getting the vaccine, but we cannot make it mandatory,” said Penrod.

Miracle said he “encouraged” employees to do so.

“Everyone who can, when you can, please get it,” said Miracle.

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sponsorship opportunities to follow.

Wabash Area Community Theater plans first show of 2021

“Love Letters” by A.R. Gurney will take place from Friday, Feb. 12 to Sunday, Feb. 14, which is Valentine’s Day weekend. The show will be featured as “Dinnertainment,” performed in a dinner theater setting in the Big Four Ballroom located in Charley Creek Inn. Dinner theater tickets are \$30 per person with advance purchase required.

Show dates will be Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13. Doors and cash bar open at 6 p.m. The meal starts at 6:30 p.m. On Sunday, Feb. 14, the doors, cash bar and meal open at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, email director Brett Robinson at b.a.robinson@outlook.com.

‘Eagle Watch’ during three Saturdays next month at Salamonie

This year, “Eagle Watch” will be offered on three Saturdays, Feb. 13, 20, and 27, through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR’s) Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (UWIS). Registrants must call and speak to UWIS staff to register and choose a meeting date and time when they will meet at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Frances Slocum Road between Indiana 124 and Miami County Road 550 East will be closed for this event. For more information or to register, call 260-468-2127.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, starting Feb. 18 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Series of in-person Imagine One 85 workshops rescheduled for early March

Originally planned for February, a series of in-person Imagine One 85 Focus on the Future sessions have been slated for early March by the Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) and Wabash County. Planned in-person sessions include 6 p.m. Monday, March 1 at the Roann Community Center, 105 N. Chippewa St., Roann; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 at the Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro; 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2 at The Learning Center, 207 N. Wabash Ave., La Fontaine; 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 at the Honeywell Center’s Legacy Center, 275 W. Market St.; and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4 at the Manchester Community Schools Administration Building Auditorium, 404 W. 9th St., North Manchester. To register, visit <https://imagineone85.org/focus-on-the-future/>.

Employers invited to Manchester University Virtual Career Fair

Those with opportunities for full-time and part-time employment, internships and graduate school are invited to take part in the Manchester University Virtual Career Fair. March 5 is The deadline to register is March 5, but spots are limited. Organizations can take part free of charge. The virtual career fair is 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 on Handshake, an online platform that helps students connect with potential employers. This fair is for undergraduate students from the North Manchester campus.

Register by visiting <https://link.manchester.edu/careerfair> or email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

Salute to Ag Dinner planned for March 10

The 2021 Salute to Ag Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at the Heartland REMC building, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 to \$2,500. For more information, visit [growwabashcounty.com/ag2021](http://growwabashcounty.com/ag2021) or email [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or call 260-563-5258.

COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital “on an on-going basis.” Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering.

After major outcry, University of Evansville drops plans to cut its music department

EVANSVILLE (AP) — The University of Evansville has dropped its plans to eliminate the school’s music department following an outcry by students, alumni and community members.

School officials announced Monday that instead of cutting the depart-

ment they will take steps to expand its reach throughout the community by establishing a music conservatory, creating a music therapy clinic and renovating campus performance space.

In December, the university released an “academic realignment draft plan”

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director of education Cynthia Johnson presented their request for \$6,150.

If approved, Johnson said they would use \$1,150 to provide 10 HSE scholarships to students in North Manchester, \$2,500 for an HSE examiner and supplies and \$2,250 for community outreach.

Johnson said they would also seek business and church assistance “to help with other student barriers such as transportation, food and learning materials.”

“This will free up funds for our outreach,” said Johnson.

District 4 councilmember Alan Miracle said they wouldn’t be voting on the request until a future meeting.

Johnson said the Learn More Center had been operating in North Manchester for around 18 years at the Town Life Center.

Johnson said the adult basic education center serves students 16 years and older if they have exited public high school.

Johnson said they encourage 16- to 21-year-olds to finish high school either through their school or another method.

“Oftentimes we are the

best way for some students,” said Johnson.

Johnson said the “biggest push” was for students to earn their HSE diplomas.

“We also help students with those skills needed beforehand. We do have some students who may have worked all of their lives, but never really knew how to read or do math at a significant level to really help their children,” said Johnson. “Our first reason that people do come to us is they want to finish their education to prove to their children that they should also finish their education. Or to help.”

Johnson said they take students “from wherever (they) start” to earning HSE diplomas and then short-term certifications in subjects like welding so they could “have a sustainable wage job.”

“It’s just amazing,” said Johnson. “We go from literacy all the way into college, and a little bit of everything in between.”

Johnson said they had two full-time and seven part-time employees.

Johnson said most of the instruction at the Learn More Center is one to one. Johnson said around 85 percent of their students have spent some time in special education, many of which earning a certificate of completion instead of a diploma.

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group homes for those with developmental disabilities and assisted living facilities being granted such an immunity.

INSILC Director of Public Policy & Systems Advocacy Morgan Daly said the organization has no opposition to non-health care organization receiving such immunity since they were not tasked with taking care of people’s health before the pandemic, but she said giving immunity to health care providers does not make sense because they already had a responsibility for the health of individuals.

Daly said Indiana’s already low staffing rates at long term care facilities create an environment where abuse and neglect can and has occurred, even before the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted there are already laws that give some protections to nursing homes for any actions that are not gross negligence during a state of emergency, like the current pandemic.

“By allowing immunity now, we’re really just rewarding nursing facilities for the bad practices and policies they were already implementing and letting them get away with it,” Daly said.

The concern for the safety of patients in various health care settings extends beyond the elderly, Daly said, and includes people with intellectual disabilities and people who acquire a new disability and are at facilities to rehab before going home.

“So we represent the disability community at large which includes people with conditions of aging, so folks over 65,” Daly said. “But I think there’s a larger population being impacted by this that is kind of getting left out of the conversation.”

INSILC is also concerned that if the bill does not explicitly tie the immunity to COVID-related actions, health care facilities could receive immunity for any actions such as a slip and fall.

Before the Senate passed SB1 on to the House on Jan. 28, an amendment was passed that ties the bill specifically to COVID-related actions and states that

nursing homes are excluded from the immunity. Daly said there is discussion that that language could be broadened even further where any health care provider that gave services during the pandemic would not receive the liability protection.

Messmer clarified that the bill does not provide protection for any “bad actor” that ignores safety protocols or doesn’t make an effort to keep people safe, which the bill defines as a standard of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, fraud or intentional tortious acts. The bill also does not deal with workman’s compensation, unemployment or occupational health and safety claims.

“So this bill does carefully balance the rights of employees for a safe workplace and protecting both employers large and small from being put out of business by going broke trying to defend a civil suit,” he said. “...The sheer fact that there has not been a lawsuit filed yet does not mean there will not be lawsuits filed. This is a proactive measure that provides some reliability to folks in our state to be able to move forward.”

Meanwhile, a similar bill, House Bill 1002 (HB1002) was passed Feb. 1 and referred to the Senate.

Authored by Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel), this bill would provide temporary immunity and civil liability protections to Hoosier businesses, schools and health care entities regarding lawsuits alleging someone was exposed to or contracted COVID-19 while at a place the entity is operating. HB1002 also includes an exception if an entity is alleged to have committed gross negligence or willful misconduct.

As currently written, HB1002 still would give the protections to health care organizations. An amendment introduced by Rep. Ed Delaney (D-Indianapolis) that would have stated nursing homes did not have immunity in the case of a patient death due to COVID-19 failed in the House.

“Nursing homes are operating in a position of trust. They have a long term relationship typically with the patient and the patient’s family,” Delaney said when

that included eliminating the music department. But that proposal faced immediate pushback, with alumni warning it would have a harmful ripple effect on southwestern Indiana’s arts and culture.

“As soon as we made this announcement, we began

“(It) doesn’t help with further education,” said Johnson. “Those students are taking up a good amount of resources.”

Johnson said most tutors they use are retired teachers who come back, but with COVID-19 “it was just not safe for them.”

“Zoom worked for some,” said Johnson. “Expenses for us and everyone else has just been harder.”

Johnson said she will often have to schedule three different Zoom sessions with three different students for three different subjects.

“It’s been a rather challenging year,” said Johnson.

Johnson said they were seeing a decline in enrollment in North Manchester, which the request for additional outreach resources could assist with.

“There’s a lot of people who don’t know we were here or are still here,” said Johnson.

Johnson said the fee for the HSE test is now \$115, when it used to be \$90. Johnson said some of that was paid for during the last quarter through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act.

“That helped our students so much. We were able to have almost 40 percent of our students get HSE because there were no barriers,”

hearing from you,” Provost Michael Austin said in a video Monday morning. “... We listened.”

The new plan arose from a collaboration between faculty, the administration, trustees, alumni and community partners, the Evansville Courier & Press reported.

ers,” said Johnson. “\$115 is a lot if you’re unemployed or underemployed. They’re just really struggling.”

Johnson said they were looking to have an HSE examiner drive up once per month.

“The barrier of driving down to Wabash doesn’t seem like much,” said Johnson. “We’re just trying to reduce those barriers so our students can meet that goal.”

Johnson said none of them had been able to visit the Wabash County Jail recently, first because of overcrowding, and then because of COVID-19.

Johnson said they had around 20 students regularly attending their center in Wabash and eight to 10 in North Manchester during any given week.

“There’s always a flow,” said Johnson.

Miracle said he had volunteered at the Learn More Center a few years ago and that “it’s a great organization.”

Johnson said they would be asking the city of Wabash and Wabash County for additional funds next.

“We affect the workforce,” said Johnson. “The entire county benefits.”

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tested. I don’t think it goes there,” he said.

As the respective bills move through the opposite chambers, Daly said she is hopeful that legislators will continue to hear her organization’s concerns, exclude health care facilities from the immunity and keep the bill tied specifically to COVID-19 related actions. However, there is always the possibility the final versions could be changed.

“So it feels like we’re getting somewhere, but there’s still a lot of concern that if we get somewhere and this bill ends up in conference committee that they very well could just switch it back,” she said.

Rather than granting immunity, Daly said there is other work to be done regarding health care facilities.

“We need to increase our staffing rates, we need to increase the ombudsman and how often they’re in the facilities, and allowing family members to come in as care providers and to report on things that are happening within facilities, and put in some other policies and practices that fix what was already wrong instead of kind of letting them get away with [negligence],” she said.

Both Messmer and Torr said the language in the bill will continue to be refined as it works through the House and Senate.

Rep. Mike Karickhoff (R-Kokomo) said the bill is an important step as Indiana continues to work to return to normal from the pandemic.

“It’s critical that Indiana’s businesses keep their doors open and Hoosier jobs are protected,” he said in a press release. “This bill is a necessary step to give some security to our employers and schools, as we all continue to navigate this pandemic.”

Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero) in a press release cited a National Federation of Independent Businesses survey that found 55 percent of Indiana small businesses listed the possibility of pandemic-related legal action as a serious concern. He said he supported HB1002 to protect businesses from “frivolous lawsuits.”

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Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, sparks the MU offense.

# Spartans pull away to earn 71-59 road victory at Defiance

MU extended its lead to as much as 18 points

By DILLON BENDER

A big third quarter propelled the Manchester University women's basketball team past host Defiance College 71-59 on Friday, Feb. 5.

The Black and Gold outscored the Yellow Jackets 25-11 in the third frame to secure Friday's victory.

Following a 30-30 tie at the intermission, the Spartans shot 10-17 from the floor, 2-5 from three, and 3-4 from the foul line in the third period to put distance between themselves and the Yellow Jackets.

Manchester extended its lead to as much as 18 points midway through the fourth quarter.

The inside play of Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, and Tiara Jackson, from East Chicago and Central High School, sparked the MU offense yet again as the duo combined for 37 points, 14 rebounds, three assists, three steals and five blocks.

Miller poured in her third career game with 20 or more points, leading Manchester with 21 on the night. Miller added seven boards, one steal, and one block.

Jackson added 16 points, seven rebounds, and a game-high four blocks.

Junior guard Bridget Nash, from Carmel and Bishop Chatard High School, filled the stat sheet with seven points,

## Spartans grind past Yellow Jackets, earn a gutsy sweep of Defiance

Manchester women's basketball is scheduled to host Rose-Hulman on Friday

By DILLON BENDER

For the second straight night, the Manchester University women's basketball utilized a big third quarter to fight past the Defiance College Yellow Jackets.

Trailing by eight at the intermission this evening, Manchester would outscore visiting Defiance 19-7 in the third quarter to wrestle control of Saturday's game.

Defiance and Manchester went toe-to-toe over the final 10 minutes of Saturday's ballgame.

DC took a two-point lead, 51-49, following a basket by Cait Good at the 2:19 mark of the fourth quarter.

The Black and Gold buckled down, ending the contest and an 8-0 run. Bridget Nash, from Carmel and Bishop Chatard High School, tied the game with a jumper on MU's next possession. Following a stop, Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, converted an old-fashioned three-point play to put the Spartans ahead for good. Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, went 3-4 from the charity

stripe to ice Manchester's second straight win.

On the night, Miller led Manchester University with 14 points and 11 rebounds — her second double-double this season. Bieghler scored 11 points, grabbed five rebounds, and dished out a trio of assists. Nash added 10 points and a pair of steals.

Sophomore Hannah Lindsey, from Speedway, added nine points and eight rebounds of support off the bench. Tiara Jackson, from East Chicago and Central High School, added nine points and five rebounds.

The Black and Gold converted 18 turnovers by the Yellow Jackets into 22 points. MU also held a 37-32 advantage on the glass Saturday night.

Defiance was led by Briana Townley's double-double of 24 points and 10 rebounds. Manchester (3-11) is scheduled to host Rose-Hulman at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena.

Defiance (0-6) is slated to host Earlham at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

## Manchester volleyball topped by visiting Earlham in Saturday's doubleheader homestand

The Spartans will be on the road all of this week

By DILLON BENDER

The visiting Earlham College Quakers won both matches of Saturday's volleyball doubleheader in four sets against Manchester University.

Earlham topped the Spartans 25-22, 25-15, 23-25, 25-12 in the first match of the day. EC also took the second match in four sets, 26-28, 25-11, 25-21, 25-20.

■ **Match 1** — Earlham defeated Manchester 3-1 (25-22, 25-15, 25-23, 25-12).

■ **Match 2** — Earlham defeated Manchester 3-1 (26-28, 25-15, 25-23, 25-12).

The Quakers extended their current winning streak to six games following Saturday's sweep.

Sarah Dickman tallied 30 total kills on the afternoon to lead the Quakers.

Setter Erin Wagner totaled 76 assists for Earlham, while libero Jennifer Shamel collected 33 digs.

Earlham hit above .230 in both matches.

The Spartans were led by sophomore Halle Planck's, from Gas City and Mississinewa High School, kills on the afternoon. Planck also added four block assists.

Freshman Joy Maze, from Greenwood, added 19 kills across both matches, while also collecting 22 digs.

Helaina Walters, from Marion and Eastbrook High School, 15 kills and 15 digs.

Freshman Jordan Holland, from Osceola and Mishawaka High School, collected 47 assists on the afternoon.

Sophomore libero Rachel Ressler, from Tipton, totaled 28 digs on the afternoon.

The Spartans will be on the road all of this week. MU will travel to Bluffton on Wednesday, Feb. 10, for a doubleheader beginning at 6 p.m. The Black and Gold will then travel to Cincinnati next Saturday, Feb. 13, for a doubleheader against the Lions.

Earlham will host both Hanover College and Anderson University next week.

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## MLB renews 7-inning doubleheaders, other rule changes

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven-inning doubleheaders and runners on second base to start extra innings will return for a second straight season under an agreement for 2021 health protocols reached Monday between Major League Baseball and the players' association.

The deal did not include last year's experimental rule to extend the designated hitter to the National League or expanded playoffs. After allowing 16 teams in the postseason last year instead of 10, MLB had proposed 14 for this year before withdrawing that plan last month.

Last year's expanded playoffs agree-

ment did not come together until hours before the season's first pitch.

"We're comfortable with both rules," San Francisco Giants manager Gabe Kapler wrote in a text to the AP. "It seems like most were good with them in '20, and with a year of familiarity under our belts, we'll tackle them fine."

There were 78 extra-inning games last year, and the longest by innings were a pair of 13-inning contests at Houston, won by the Los Angeles Dodgers on July 29 and by Oakland on Aug. 7. Every previous season since 1901 had at least one game of 15 innings or longer.

"During a season with the possible delays from COVID, I think the seven-inning and runner on second rules will help any teams make up for lost time," Arizona catcher Stephen Vogt wrote in a text to The Associated Press.

"I would love to get back to traditional baseball ASAP, but I like them for the 2021 season."

There were 45 games postponed for COVID-19-related reasons and just two were not made up, between St. Louis and Detroit. In order to accomplish that, there were 56 doubleheaders, the most since 76 in 1984.

## SCOREBOARD

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

#### Indiana High School Basketball Poll

CLASS 4A			
	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Homestead (12)	19-0	240	1
2. Carmel	16-2	176	4
3. Lawrence North	17-2	170	2
4. Indpls Cathedral	14-2	168	3
5. Plainfield	16-1	148	7
6. S. Bend Adams	17-1	126	6
7. Warren Central	14-5	125	8
8. Lafayette Jeff	15-2	82	5
9. Indianapolis Attucks	14-4	74	9
10. Gary West	13-3	53	NR
Others receiving votes: Fishers 27. Zionsville 14. McCutcheon 13. Ev. Reitz 12. Crown Point 12.			

CLASS 3A			
	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Hammond (11)	12-1	230	1
2. Silver Creek	12-4	198	4
3. Ev. Bosse	14-1	165	2
4. Mishawaka Marian	13-2	159	5
5. Heritage Hills	13-2	153	3
6. Leo (1)	14-1	152	6
7. Greensburg	13-2	102	7
8. SB St. Joseph	11-3	100	8
9. Danville	12-2	63	9
10. Sullivan	14-2	55	10
Others receiving votes: Guerin Catholic 37. Hamilton Hts. 7. Speedway 7. Western 6. Connersville 6.			

CLASS 2A			
	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Ft. Wayne Blackhawk (12)	16-1	240	1
2. Shenandoah	16-3	212	2
3. S. Spencer	13-2	182	3
4. Linton-Stockton	16-3	146	4
5. Central Noble	16-1	139	5
6. Parke Heritage	17-3	125	6
7. S. Ripley	15-1	109	8
8. Indpls Covenant Christian	15-3	62	7
9. Blackford	13-4	59	9
10. Madison-Grant	14-2	53	NR
Others receiving votes: Westview 48. Northeastern 28. Rochester 16. Eastern Hancock 9. Carroll (Flora) 6. Chubbuck 6.			

CLASS 1A			
	W-L	Pts	Prv
1. Barr-Reeve (12)	17-2	240	1
2. Loogootee	15-3	212	2
3. Kouts	16-2	184	3
4. Edinburg	15-4	130	7
5. N. Daviess	14-3	129	8
6. Tindley	11-7	111	5
7. Orleans	13-2	110	6
8. Indpls Lutheran	16-3	98	9
9. Bloomfield	10-5	83	4
10. Morristown	13-4	51	10
Others receiving votes: Lafayette Catholic 27. Covington 21. Triton 20. Greenwood Christian 10. Argos 8. Lanesville 6.			

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

Conference				All Games			
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Virginia	9	1	.900	13	3	.813	
Florida St.	6	2	.750	10	3	.769	
Virginia Tech	8	3	.727	14	4	.778	
Louisville	6	3	.667	11	4	.733	
North Carolina	7	4	.636	12	6	.667	
Georgia Tech	5	4	.556	9	6	.600	
Clemson	6	5	.545	12	5	.706	
Pittsburgh	5	5	.500	9	6	.600	
Duke	5	5	.500	7	7	.500	
Syracuse	4	5	.444	10	6	.625	
NC State	4	6	.400	8	7	.533	
Notre Dame	4	7	.364	7	10	.412	
Miami	3	10	.231	7	11	.389	
Wake Forest	2	8	.200	5	8	.385	
Boston College	1	7	.125	3	11	.214	

**Monday's Game**  
Miami at North Carolina, ppd.

**Tuesday's Games**  
Notre Dame at Duke  
Syracuse at NC State  
Florida St. at Virginia Tech, ppd.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Wake Forest at Boston College, 7 p.m.  
Virginia at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Louisville, ppd.

#### BIG EAST CONFERENCE

Conference				All Games			
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Villanova	7	1	.875	12	2	.857	
Creighton	10	4	.714	14	5	.737	
Xavier	4	2	.667	11	2	.846	
Seton Hall	8	5	.615	11	8	.579	
UConn	5	4	.556	8	4	.667	
St. John's	7	6	.538	13	7	.650	
Marquette	5	8	.385	9	10	.474	
Providence	5	8	.385	9	10	.474	
Butler	5	8	.385	6	10	.375	
Georgetown	3	6	.333	5	9	.357	
DePaul	1	8	.111	3	8	.273	

**Tuesday's Games**  
St. John's at Butler  
Creighton at Georgetown  
DePaul at Villanova, ppd.

**Wednesday's Games**  
UConn at Providence, 4 p.m.  
Marquette at Villanova, 9 p.m.

**Thursday's Game**  
DePaul at Xavier, ppd.

#### BIG TEN CONFERENCE

Conference				All Games			
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Michigan	8	1	.889	13	1	.929	
Illinois	9	3	.750	13	5	.722	
Ohio St.	10	4	.714	16	4	.800	
Wisconsin	8	5	.615	14	6	.700	
Purdue	8	5	.615	13	7	.650	
Iowa	7	5	.583	13	6	.684	
Rutgers	7	6	.538	11	6	.647	
Indiana	5	6	.455	10	8	.556	
Minnesota	5	7	.417	12	7	.632	
Penn St.	4	7	.364	7	8	.467	
Maryland	4	9	.308	10	10	.500	
Michigan St.	3	7	.300	9	7	.563	
Northwestern	3	9	.250	6	10	.375	
Nebraska	0	7	.000	4	10	.286	

**Monday's Games**  
Minnesota 79, Nebraska 61  
Ohio St. 73, Maryland 65

**Tuesday's Game**  
Penn St. at Michigan St.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Indiana at Northwestern, 5:30 p.m.  
Rutgers at Iowa, 7:30 p.m.  
Wisconsin at Nebraska, 9:30 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Purdue at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Illinois at Michigan, ppd.

#### HORIZON LEAGUE

Conference				All Games			
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Cleveland St.	14	2	.875	14	5	.737	
Wright St.	13	3	.813	15	4	.789	
N. Kentucky	9	5	.643	11	8	.579	
Detroit	7	5	.583	8	8	.500	
Oakland	8	8	.500	8	15	.348	
Milwaukee	6	7	.462	7	8	.467	
Ill.-Chicago	5	7	.417	8	9	.471	
Youngstown St.	6	10	.375	11	10	.524	
Green Bay	6	10	.375	6	14	.300	
IUPUI	4	8	.333	5	8	.385	
Fort Wayne	5	11	.313	6	11	.353	
Robert Morris	2	9	.182	3	11	.214	

**Monday's Game**  
Youngstown St. 60, Rochester College 50

#### MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Conference				All Games			
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Toledo	11	2	.846	16	5	.762	
Akron	9	3	.750	11	4	.733	
Kent St.	7	4	.636	10	5	.667	
Ohio	7	4	.636	11	6	.647	
Buffalo	6	4	.600	8	6	.571	
Bowling Green	6	6	.500	10	8	.556	
Miami (Ohio)	5	5	.500	8	7	.533	
Ball St.	5	6	.455	7	9	.438	
W. Michigan	3	7	.300	4	11	.267	
Cent. Michigan	2	9	.182	6	12	.333	
N. Illinois	1	6	.143	2	10	.167	
E. Michigan	1	7	.125	4	8	.333	

**Tuesday's Games**  
Kent St. at Bowling Green  
W. Michigan at Buffalo, ppd.  
Toledo at N. Illinois, ppd.  
Ball St. at Cent. Michigan, ppd.  
Akron at Ohio, ppd.  
E. Michigan at Miami (Ohio), ppd.

#### MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Conference				All Games			
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Loyola-Chicago	12	1	.923	17	3	.850	

Drake	9	1	.900	18	1	.947
Missouri St.	7	5	.583	11	5	.688
Indiana St.	8	6	.571	11	8	.579
Evansville	6	6	.500	8	10	.444
Valparaiso	4	6	.400	7	12	.368
Bradley	4	8	.333	10	11	.476
N. Iowa	4	8	.333	6	12	.333
S. Illinois	3	7	.300	9	7	.563
Illinois St.	2	11	.154	5	14	.263

**Wednesday's Games**  
N. Iowa at Drake, 7 p.m.  
Bradley at Valparaiso, 7 p.m.  
S. Illinois at Missouri St., 8 p.m.

### NBA

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
Phila.	17	7	.708	—			
Brooklyn	14	11	.560	3½			
Boston	12	10	.545	4			
Toronto	11	13	.458	6			
New York	11	14	.440	6½			
Southeast Division							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
Charlotte	12	13	.480	—			
Atlanta	11	12	.478	—			
Miami	9	14	.391	2			
Orlando	9	15	.375	2½			
Washington	6	15	.286	4			
Central Division							
	W	L	Pct	GB			
Milwaukee	16	8	.667	—			
Indiana	12	12	.500	4			
Cleveland	10	15	.400	6½			
Chicago	9	14	.391	6½			
Detroit	5	18	.217	10½			

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE



# In-home camera systems don't sit well with sitter

**DEAR ABBY:** I enjoy babysitting for the children of family and friends. But while I have nothing to hide, I hate how everyone seems to have inside cameras. I feel like I'm in a fishbowl, like if I let their kids veg in front of the TV or the computer, I'll be judged as lazy. I also hate having my picture taken, so the idea of being on a live feed all day is off-putting.

Do I ask them to turn off the cameras, or stop babysitting? I can't be the only person who is uncomfortable being monitored all day like a caged animal. What's a good way of handling this? — Monitored In Ohio

**DEAR MONITORED:** People usually have cameras inside their home for security reasons, and so they will have a warning or evidence in case of a break-in. Parents and pet owners enjoy peace of mind knowing they can periodically check to see how their precious angels are doing. The intent is not to spy on you.

If you feel you are being watched excessively, ask the parents how they think you are doing. Unless they complain about your performance, a good way of handling this would be to simply accept the situation, or restrict your babysitting to homes that are camera-free.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have had a crush on a man since we were in our teens. We're now in our mid-40s. Both of us ended long-term relationships about a year ago. We have stayed in contact every now and then, but only as friends — more like family. He was best friends with my beloved late uncle.

We have decided to meet, with sex at the forefront of our thoughts. How do I prepare myself to go into this with a sex-only mind frame? Do you think this could damage our 30-year friendship? — Nervous In Oregon

**DEAR NERVOUS:** It has been my observation that men and women view sexual relationships differently. Women often let their emotions get involved. Men can more easily separate the two. It could ABSOLUTELY damage your 30-year friendship if what he expects is a casual friends-with-benefits relationship and at some point you decide you need more from this man you have had a crush on since your teens.

**DEAR ABBY:** My 25-year-old daughter has stopped talking to me. She said I need counseling to discuss the abuse during her childhood. I asked, "What abuse?" She won't say! I can't think of any. She was never spanked. She was given anything she asked for and allowed to join any club or sport she was interested in.

The only thing she finally mentioned was that my husband and I had arguments. We didn't argue often. I'm at a loss. Should I step back and leave her alone? I send texts and call her once a week. Most go unanswered. When she does answer, she asks if I have started counseling. Please advise. — Cut Off In Indiana

**DEAR CUT OFF:** Tell your daughter that you are open to counseling, but only if it is joint counseling with her to figure out why there is such a disparity in your — and her — memories of her childhood. If you do, it may — I can't guarantee — resolve what's happening now.

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## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Put off  
6 Country estates  
12 Kind of energy  
14 Apollo's priestess  
15 Vanish forever  
16 Golf course gofer  
17 Luau souvenir  
18 — day now  
19 Petite  
21 Stanley Cup org.  
23 1988 Tom Hanks film  
26 Poet's contraction  
27 Rock's — Fighters  
28 Melted together  
30 Flee  
31 Doctrine  
32 Snow shelter  
33 Thai or Nepali  
35 No —, ands or buts  
37 Tack on

**DOWN**

1 Fish, in a way  
2 Paris season  
3 Not opposed  
4 Rousseau novel  
5 Climb the ladder  
6 Outspoken  
7 Persian rug exporter

**38 Chain-link —**  
39 Have a hot dog  
40 Recent (pref.)  
41 Meadow  
42 Delhi honorific  
43 Magazine fillers  
44 Put on  
46 Play bumper-cars  
48 Hamper  
51 Make plain  
55 Dorm sharer  
56 Zone  
57 Twain lad  
58 Thick rope

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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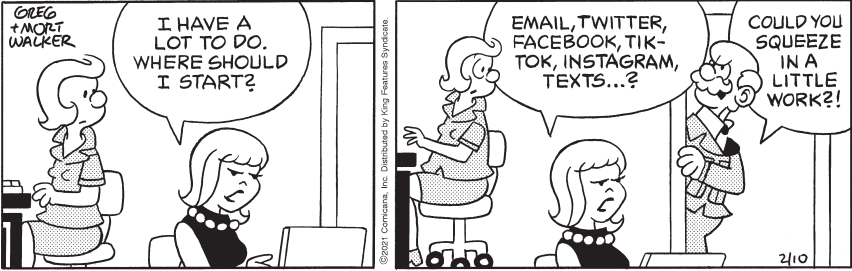
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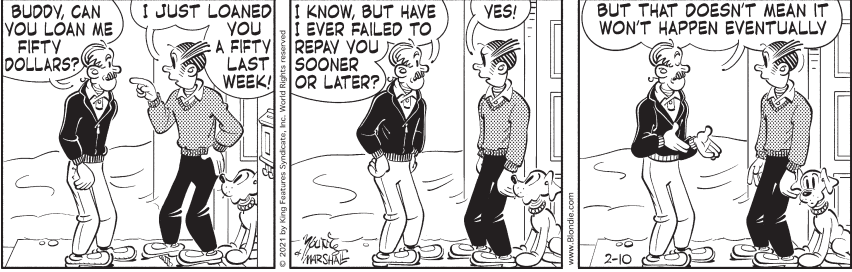
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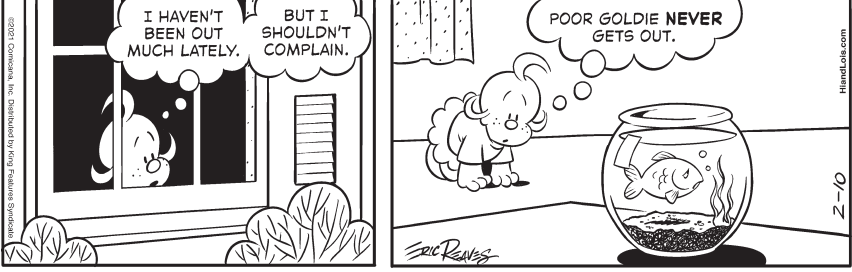
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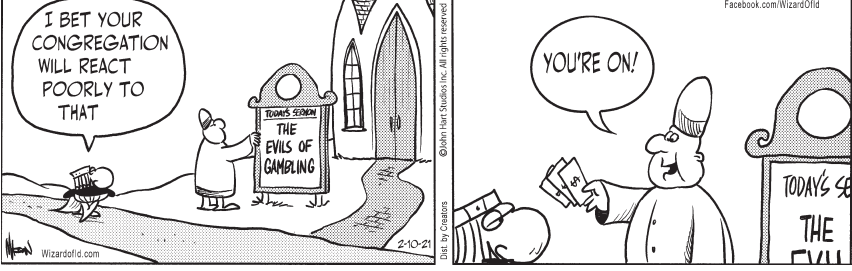
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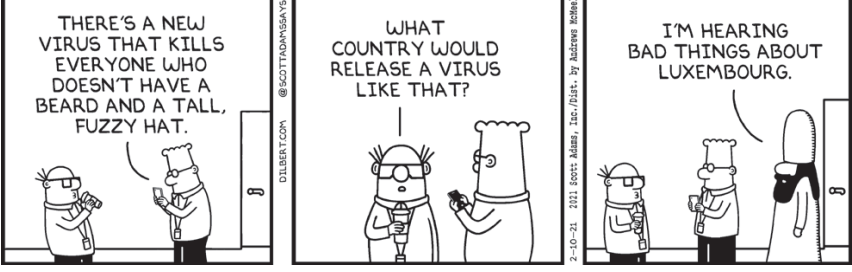
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# When we reach out to others, we often forget our own fear

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** Being a resident of Louisiana my entire life has caused me to live in constant fear because of the storms that batter this region of the country. How can I have victory over fear of things I have no control over? — L.F.

**A:** Many people have faced ominous storms since the beginning of time. Some face them with defiance, refusing to pay attention to the warnings or prepare for catastrophe, only to be caught in the storm's fury. There was a day when forecasters could not tell us with precision when storms would hit, but that didn't prevent Mother Na-

ture from sending her warnings — in the wind, in the falling temperature, and by darkened clouds in the sky. We now have the benefit of technology to track storms by the minute and should be thankful for newscasts that help prepare us for storms in life.

Battered by everything from natural disasters to financial hurricanes — we must never forget the personal suffering and fear

that grip the hearts of those who suffer because of them. People should not only do what is necessary to protect themselves and their families, but people should be ready to respond to those who have been caught in storms and need refuge. When we reach out to others, we often forget our own fear. The greatest news above all is the safety found through the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

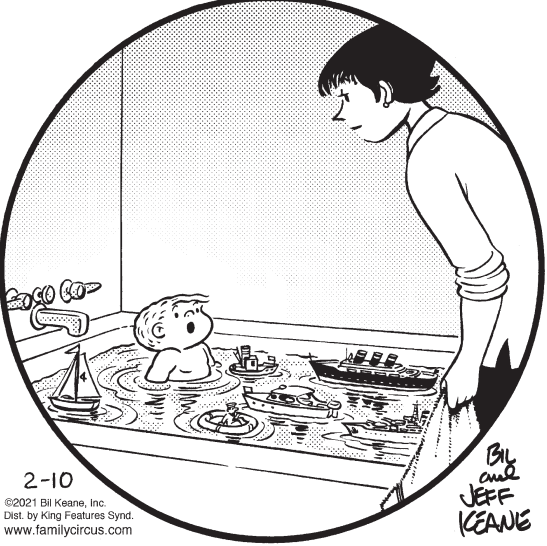
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L T H Y E H M S H E .” — L A Y V A Z K

Previous Solution: “Be careful what you wish for if you desire fame. No human being should be a goldfish.” — Bill O'Reilly

TODAY'S CLUE: P equals J

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“Is it time to let the tide out?”



# Opinion

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:10

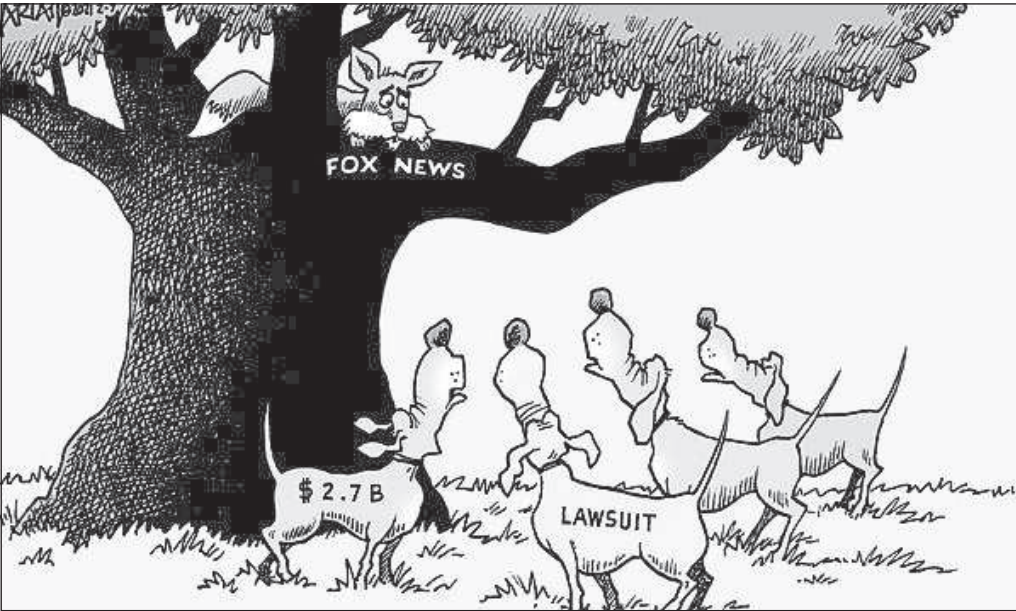
## Two brave FBI agents died trying to keep children safe from predators

South Florida just earned a shameful distinction – it is the single region in the country where the most FBI agents have been killed since G-men were created in 1908. The latest bloody chapter played out last Tuesday morning. FBI Special Agents Daniel Alfin, 36, and Laura Schwarzenberger, 43, were killed in a horrific shootout at a Sunrise apartment building where they were serving a warrant. They died in the line of duty protecting children from a man thought to be a sexual predator. Our condolences go out to their families.

Three other agents were wounded. What went wrong is now the painful question that FBI investigators will work doggedly to answer. A somber George Piro, Miami FBI Special Agent in Charge, rightly called Alfin and Schwarzenberger heroes, who left home Tuesday morning to do their jobs. Few details have been released about what happened., Such warrants commonly are served in conjunction with a SWAT team, although Tuesday’s operation was not. And did agents know the suspect had a high-powered weapon?

Piro told reporters that agents are “meticulous” in their preparation before they knock on a suspect’s door. President Joe Biden publicly recognized the shooting as the tragedy it was and, as any true leader should, sent condolences to the agents’ families. We’ll soon find out “how this happened,” he promised. The events unfolded as the agents were serving a search warrant at the home of a suspected pornographer, who may have committed violent crimes against children. It is believed the suspect monitored the arrival of the agents from a doorbell camera and ambushed them through his closed door, firing a cascade of bullets from an assault-style rifle, the Miami Herald reported. He then took his own life. In the coming days, we’ll learn what possibly depraved acts the suspect allegedly committed that drew the attention of the FBI’s Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. For long-time residents, the deadly shootout between a suspect and FBI agents recalls that morning in the Miami-Dade County neighborhood of Pinecrest in 1986 when FBI agents confronted two killer bank robbers on a quiet street. A firefight broke out.

When it was over, more than 150 bullets had been exchanged between agents and robbers as residents in the area cowered. Killed were Agents Benjamin Grogan and Jerry Dove. Five other agents were wounded. They recovered. The serial bank robbers, William Matix and Michael Platt, died in the shootout. That incident 35 years ago and Tuesday’s tragedy are the deadliest days in the FBI’s history – and they both played out in South Florida. A similar incident happened less than a decade ago. In 2011, two Miami-Dade police detectives were shot and killed in a gunfight with suspects as they tried to serve a warrant inside a Miami home. Detectives Roger Castillo and Amanda Haworth were killed. One suspect died in the gun battle. Another was captured. What’s clear is that executing a search warrant is among the most dangerous of law-enforcement duties. While still confronting the ravages of COVID-19, the last thing South Florida needed was more heartbreak, more proof that 2020 continues to spill into the new year. This editorial was first published in the Miami Herald.



## Sniffing out stupidity

Man’s best friends are becoming more and more helpful. They have been trained to sniff out bombs and drugs and lost hikers and long-buried bodies.

Now, there are dogs that can smell COVID-19. When they detect the virus, they simply sit down by the carrier, and that person can then be whisked off to quarantine hell. Wouldn’t it be nice, I have wondered, if a

dog could be trained to smell out stupidity?

The only problem is that I would turn my canine detective loose in the halls of government – let slip the dogs of war! I can imagine him sniffing around a legislative chamber in Washington or Indianapolis, circling madly, then dropping to the floor with a nervous breakdown.

If I let him roam City Hall in Fort Wayne, I think I know where he would go – straight to the mayor’s office.

That gentleman just announced he wants the General Assembly to give Fort Wayne permission to add 1 percent to the city’s food-and-beverage tax, which would go with the 1 percent already paid by bar and restaurant patrons.

Really. He wants to hit the food service industry, which has been crippled by the pandemic and is hanging on for dear life, with one more burden. If that isn’t stupid, it will do until the real thing comes along.

The mayor is quick to offer answers to objections he anticipates from whiny curmudgeons like me:

The hike wouldn’t go into effect until at least 2022,

when it is determined that the restaurant industry has fully recovered from the pandemic.

Oh, sure, that will gladden the hearts of beleaguered small-business operators. Just when they’re finally recovered, and can breathe a sigh of relief, here will come the city to pile on.

It’s not that big a deal – it would cost the average patron about \$14 a year.

Well, yeah, but that’s on top of the 1 percent patrons already pay, not to mention the 7 percent sales tax, the second-highest state-level sales tax in the nation. For every dollar spent on a meal, another 9 cents would be tacked on. To paraphrase Everett Dirksen, a penny here and a penny there, and pretty soon you’re talking real money.

Patrons flinching at that pinch, if they’ve dined out in the first place, are likely to start skimping on the tips, which would hurt some of the hardest working, lowest paid workers in the service industry.

I recall the time I dined in a downtown restaurant and left my usual 20 percent tip. When the waitress thanked me profusely, I asked why. “This is such a 10 percent town,” she sighed, and, I swear, put an extra roll in my doggy bag.

We really, really need the \$6 million a year that would be generated for “Fort Wayne development.”

But at the same time he cites that need, he boasts of the \$1 billion in public-private funds already spent on development and says another \$1 billion is in the pipeline. Forgive me for saying so, but if you’re bragging about \$2 billion and still need \$6 million, that’s like me saying, “Thanks so much for that

\$2,000, but I just can’t make it without another \$6.”

And my very, very, all-time favorite:

This isn’t just really a tax. It’s a user fee. People only pay it if they eat out, and they don’t have to eat out.

You can call anything a user fee. People don’t have to work and suffer the income tax. They don’t have to buy furniture and cars and encounter the sales tax. If they don’t want to pay property tax, they can just rent. I don’t care what euphemism is used, if my money is taken from me and thrown into the black hole of government spending, that’s a tax.

And just in case you think I am a partisan hack who only sics his dogs on spendthrift Democrats, I will point out that Republicans, too, love to tax but hate calling it that.

It was Richard Nixon, after all, who invented revenue sharing, the most insidious scheme since income-tax withholding. Hallelujah, Washington just gave local communities money, and they could spend it however they wanted. Never mind that the money was taken from them in the first place and the bulk of it squandered with waste, fraud and abuse.

And it was the administration of Ronald Reagan, bless his heart, that came up with “revenue enhancing” and “receipts strengthening.” And they didn’t even share.

I’ll stop now, but with a warning. Every dog has his day.

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## LETTERS

### Take down your political signs

As an independent – undeclared in New Hampshire – I have voted for Republicans and Democrats quite evenly over the decades starting in 1960, and I always voted for the individual candidates, not the party. I was planning on looking back and analyzing former President Trump’s time in office and try to determine his legacy, but instead, I decided to look forward to the future.

President Biden has laid out his vision of unity, respect, harmony and compassion for our country, and hopefully, people will do their part to help reunite us, because the soul of our country hangs in the balance.

The presidential election, including the aftermath, was incredibly caustic and violent in some situations. Some ordinary citizens were overly zealous while campaigning for Trump and Biden. I noticed there was a huge amount of political campaign signage in my town and region. Trump/Pence and Biden/Harris signs sprang up in the yards of many houses. Unfortunately, many of these signs continue to exist long after the election and even after the inauguration. There is no justification for people to continue with the signage of either party unless they want to foment divisiveness and discord in our country. Take down your political signs for the good of our country.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry, New Hampshire

### The fitness industry applauds Holcomb’s COVID-19 approach

As we continue to find ways to live with COVID-19, the fitness industry appreciates the balanced approach taken by Gov. Eric Holcomb, state officials, and their local government partners, to mitigate the spread of the virus and protect Hoosiers, while recognizing the need to keep our economy open. We believe this approach has helped our industry survive the pandemic and positions our state to thrive in the post-pandemic economy.

As a result of efforts by fitness center operators in Indiana and across the country, gyms have proven there is a low risk of contracting COVID-19 at our facilities. We believe state and local officials have seen this in their contact tracing and as a result, have made the fact-based decision to allow our industry to operate with mitigation measures in place.

Here in Indiana, one fitness center operator reports that of 974,919 workouts at their 17 studios across the state, there have only been 166 confirmed cases of COVID-19, none of which has been linked to an outbreak at a fitness facility. Fitness center operators across the state report uniformly similar data.

This data from Indiana is in line with publicly available contact tracing from other states. In Colorado, where fitness centers reopened in June, of the 31,308 total cases that the state associated with outbreaks, only ten confirmed cases resulted from outbreaks linked to health clubs or fitness centers.

Additionally, new data from San Diego County’s contact tracing program shows there is a low risk of spread at gyms and fitness centers. The county data from over two weeks in October-November shows gyms and fitness centers were responsible for only 0.5 percent of new cases during this period.

While some governors are closing gyms and fitness centers to combat this latest surge of COVID-19 cases, we are thankful that Gov. Holcomb, state officials, and local governments have taken a balanced approach and are following the science, which allows our industry to stay open with common sense mitigation strategies in place. The operators of the more than 400 fitness centers, and our 32,000 team members, look forward to helping Hoosiers improve their physical fitness and mental well-being, and persevere until we put the pandemic behind us.

Kaity Wachtel,  
Regional Fitness Director,  
Orangetheory  
Billy Szczudlak,  
General Manager,  
Orangetheory

## HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2021. There are 324 days left in the year.

### Highlight in history:

On Feb. 10, 1967, the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, was ratified as Minnesota and Nevada adopted it.

### On this date:

In 1763, Britain, Spain and France signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the Seven Years’ War (also known as the French and Indian War in North America).

In 1840, Britain’s Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

In 1933, the first singing telegram was introduced by the Postal Telegram Co. in New York.

In 1936, Nazi Germany’s Reichstag passed a law investing the Gestapo secret police with absolute authority, exempt from any legal review.

In 1959, a major tornado tore through the St. Louis area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage.

In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolf Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1992, boxer Mike Tyson was convicted in Indianapolis of raping Desiree Washington, a Miss Black America contestant. (Tyson served three years in prison.) “Roots” author Alex Haley died in Seattle at age 70.

**Today’s Birthdays:** Opera singer Leontyne Price is 94. Actor Robert Wagner is 91. Rock musician Don Wilson (The Ventures) is 88. Singer Roberta Flack is 84. Singer Jimmy Merchant (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers) is 81. Rock musician Bob Spalding (The Ventures) is 74. Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Spitz is 71. Walt Disney Co. executive Robert Iger is 70. Rock musician and composer Cory Lerios (Pablo Cruise) is 70. World Golf Hall of Famer Greg Norman is 66. Actor Kathleen Beller is 65. Country singer Lionel Cartwright is 61. Movie director Alexander Payne is 60.



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# Canada to require negative COVID test at land border Feb. 15

**By ROB GILLIES**  
Associated Press

TORONTO — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Tuesday that starting next week any nonessential traveler arriving in Canada by land will need to show a negative PCR-based COVID-19 test or face a fine if they don't have one.

Trudeau said customs officers can't send Canadians back to the U.S. if they don't have a test because they are technically on Canadian soil but said the fine will be up to \$3,000 Canadian (U.S. \$2,370) and the traveler will be subject to extensive follow up by health officials if they don't show a negative test.

So-called snowbirds who reside in warm U.S. states part-time are included in the COVID-19 test requirement.

The land border already remains closed to nonessential travelers who are not Canadian.

Canada already requires people arriving by air to show a negative PCR-based COVID-19 test within three days of arriving. And testing upon arrival will also soon be mandatory at the four Canadian airports where international flights are allowed.

Last month, Trudeau announced stricter restrictions

on air travelers in response to new, likely more contagious variants of the novel coronavirus – including making it mandatory for air travelers to quarantine in a hotel at their own expense when they arrive. But the government hasn't yet announced when the mandatory hotel stays will start. The air traveler would stay at a government-designated hotel until the results of a negative PCR test are received. The government has said the cost is expected to be more than \$2,000 Canadian (U.S. \$1,570) for a three-day stay. A test will be required on the 10th day after people return.

The steep cost for the hotel stay includes the cost for a private PCR test, security, food and the cost of measures the designated hotels will have to take to keep their workers safe.

Canada has also suspended airline service to Mexico and all Caribbean destinations until April 30.

Canada already requires those entering the country to self-isolate for 14 days.

More governments are thinking about ways to be more aggressive because of the new variants, delays in vaccines, the challenges with getting the population vaccinated and the strains on health care systems.

## VACCINE

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through the state's website. He said they have also asked the Wabash Carnegie Public Library to assist people in signing up.

Hoosiers age 65 and older, along with healthcare workers, long-term care residents and first responders who are regularly called to the scene of an emergency to render medical assistance, are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

As of Tuesday, 718,934 Hoosiers have received a first dose of vaccine, and 240,145 are fully vaccinated. Additional locations and appointments are being added as more vaccine become available, according to the ISDH.

The vaccine is available at no cost. Hoosiers who do not have access to a computer or cell phone or who need assistance with registration also can call 211 or contact one of Indiana's Area Agencies on Aging for assistance. A caregiver or loved one may make an appointment on behalf of an eligible senior.

Wabash County residents may sign up by visiting <https://ourshot.in.gov> or calling 211. Those interested in taking part in the local waiting list may email [info@cityofwabash.com](mailto:info@cityofwabash.com).

For more information on volunteering at the local clinic, call 260-569-2217 or email [marilyn.custer-mitchell@parkview.com](mailto:marilyn.custer-mitchell@parkview.com).

*Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at [rburgess@wabashplainedealer.com](mailto:rburgess@wabashplainedealer.com)*

## DEATHS

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county-by-county color-coded county map also continued to improve.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, Wabash County's positivity rating also continued to slowly decline, but the county remained in the orange category, the second-highest, according to the ISDH. The results are as of 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1. The county metrics map is updated at noon Wednesdays and reflects data through the previous Sunday.

Box said just four of the 92 counties were in red, the highest level, down from five the previous week.

"It's incredibly encouraging seeing this change," said Box.

However, Box said "these changes do not mean we are out of the woods."

"Even as more Hoosiers receive their vaccine we are still very limited in the number of people we can vaccinate due to national supplies," said Box. "We will not achieve herd immunity for many months and the new variants of the virus that are emerging will require us to remain vigilant about masking, social distancing, staying home if you're ill, getting tested and then following guidelines for isolation and quarantine."

Box said they were making around 3 million masks and hand sanitizers available to front-line workers and were sending similar packages to schools, including around 600,000 masks for students.

Box said they were sending information to businesses and schools.

Box said schools would also receive test cards so they could test symptomatic teachers and students.

### Long-term care facilities

The ISDH's long-term care facilities dashboard was updated at noon Wednesday, Feb. 3 with results as of Wednesday, Jan. 27. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days before the last dashboard update.

### School figures

The ISDH's school dashboard was updated Monday, Feb. 8 with data as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Mondays.

Statewide, 160 schools reported no cases, 1,918 reported one or more case and 290 have not reported.

In Wabash County, only White's Jr./Sr. High School has reported to

# Democrats attempt to push through school funding, also wage increase

**By COLLIN BINKLEY**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats on Tuesday muscled past Republicans on major portions of President Joe Biden's pandemic plan, including a proposed \$130 billion in additional relief to help the nation's schools reopen and a gradual increase of the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

Democrats on the Education and Labor Committee say schools won't be able to reopen safely until they get an infusion of federal funding to repair building ventilation systems, buy protective equipment and take other steps recommended by federal health officials. The plan faces opposition from Republicans who want to tie new school funding to reopening.

The panel met Tuesday to craft its portion of a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package that tracks with Biden's plan for battling the pandemic and reviving the still staggering economy. Democrats hope to rush the bill to Biden for his signature by mid-March, using a special budget-related process allowing certain legislation to be approved by a simple majority.

Rep. Bobby Scott, chair of the Education and Labor Committee, dismissed complaints from Republicans who objected to use of the process.

"We must address the urgent needs of the people now," said Scott, D-Va., "The multiple crises affecting our communities will grow worse every day if we do not act. We must recognize that we cannot afford to prioritize process over the urgent needs of people across this country."

Biden has made reopening most of the nation's K-8 schools within his first 100 days in office a key goal. The issue has become increasingly heated as some school districts face gridlock with teachers who have refused to support reopening until their demands are met. Biden's plan for \$130 billion in school funding is in addition to \$84 billion in previous relief packages.

In a tweak to Biden's plan,

the Democratic proposal would require schools to reserve at least 20 percent of the funding for efforts to address learning loss, including after-school programs and summer classes. The bill also matches Biden's proposed \$40 billion for colleges and universities but, unlike the White House plan, makes private colleges eligible for relief.

Democrats also tucked in a new limit on for-profit colleges that the party has pushed for years. The proposal would prevent for-profit colleges from accepting more than 90 percent of their overall funding from federal sources. An existing federal law includes that cap for some federal sources but excludes funding from the GI Bill and other veterans programs.

Republicans blasted the legislation in its entirety, saying schools have already received billions in aid and are safe to reopen. They cited data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showing that social distancing and wearing a mask significantly reduce

the spread of the virus in school settings.

"Students are falling behind, and mental health issues are on the rise. We know the costs of keeping schools closed are high. So why are schools still closed?" said Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., the ranking Republican on the Education and Labor Committee. "Unfortunately, this bill is full of partisan policies disguised as COVID relief measures."

The \$350 billion portion of the bill before the committee also includes Biden's plan to raise the minimum wage from \$7.25, where it has been since 2009. The proposal calls for gradual increases that would reach \$15 over five years. It faces an uphill climb, however, and even Biden has said it likely won't survive.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., told reporters Tuesday that Democrats were trying to overcome a potential procedural obstacle that could prevent them from including the wage increase in the COVID-19 relief bill.

# 5 wounded in Minnesota clinic attack

**By MOHAMED IBRAHIM and GRETCHEN EHLKE**  
Associated Press

BUFFALO, Minn. — A 67-year-old man whom authorities said was unhappy with the health care he'd received opened fire at a clinic Tuesday and injured five people, and bomb technicians were investigating a suspicious device left there and others at a motel where he was staying.

All five victims were rushed to the hospital. Three remained in stable but critical condition on Tuesday evening, and a fourth had been discharged. The condition of the fifth victim was not immediately known.

The attack happened Tuesday morning at an Allina clinic in Buffalo, a community of about 15,000 people roughly 40 miles northwest of Minneapolis. Authorities

said Gregory Paul Ulrich, of Buffalo, opened fire at the facility and was arrested before noon.

As authorities searched the clinic for more victims, they found the suspicious device and evacuated the building, Wright County Sheriff Sean Deringer said.

It was not immediately clear whether that device exploded, but TV footage showed several shattered plate-glass windows at the clinic. Deringer said suspicious devices were also found at a local Super 8 motel where Ulrich had been staying, and there were at least two shattered windows there as well.

Police Chief Pat Budke became emotional and had to pause during a news conference as he told reporters "our heart breaks as a community." While an exact motive wasn't immediately known, Budke said Ulrich

has had a long history of conflict with health care clinics in the area.

"All I can say is, it's a history that spans several years and there's certainly a history of him being unhappy with health care ... with the health care that he'd received," Budke said.

Budke said Ulrich's history led investigators to believe he was targeting the clinic or someone inside but that it was too early in the investigation to know if it was a specific doctor. He said the shooting did not appear to be a case of domestic terrorism.

"None of the information that we have from our past contact with him would indicate that he was unhappy with, or would direct his anger at, anyone other than people within the facilities where he had been treated or where they had attempted to give treatment," Bud-

ke said.

Deringer said Ulrich was well known to law enforcement before the attack, and there were calls for service dating back to 2003.

Online court records for Ulrich list a handful of arrests and convictions for drunken driving and possession of small amounts of marijuana from 2004 through 2015, mostly in Wright County, including two convictions for gross misdemeanor drunken driving that resulted in short jail sentences. A 2018 charge of violating a harassment restraining order was dismissed last April when the prosecutor said Ulrich was "found mentally incompetent to proceed." The prosecutor and public defender in that case did not immediately return messages seeking comment. Minor drug charges from last August remained pending.

In Wabash County, only Bickford of Wabash reported no cases.

Otherwise, during the latest update, in Wabash County:

- Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, 10 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 47 staff positive cases.
- Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, 54 total resident positive cases, nine total resident deaths and 124 staff positive cases.
- Wellbrooke of Wabash reported 29 total resident positive cases, 10 total resident deaths and 23 staff positive cases.
- Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported 19 total positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 14 staff positive cases.
- Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported 36 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 27 staff positive cases.
- Rolling Meadows Health Care Centre in LaFontaine reported 56 total resident positive cases, 13 total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.
- Miller's Merry Manor – Wabash East reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, 50 total resident positive cases, five total resident deaths and 32 staff positive cases.
- Miller's Merry Manor – Wabash West reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, five total resident positive cases and 14 staff positive cases.

the ISDH that they have no cases.

During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included:

- Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 51 total student positive cases, 11 total teacher positive cases and nine total staff positive cases.
- Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Manchester Intermediate School (MIS) reported eight total student positive cases.
- Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.
- Heartland Career Center reported fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Sharp Creek Elementary School reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, fewer than five new teacher positive cases, 39 total student positive cases, six total teacher positive cases and eight total staff positive cases.
- O.J. Neighbours Elementary School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, nine total student positive cases, 10 total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Wabash Middle School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 12 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Wabash High School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 15 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- St. Bernard Elementary School reported fewer than five each total

student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

- Southwood Jr./Sr. High School (SHS) reported fewer than five new teacher positive cases, 16 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.
- Southwood Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

Since Jan. 27, the individually reported MCS data includes one case at MHS, with three people quarantined on Jan. 28.

Schools of higher learning are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard. On-campus COVID-19 testing began again the week of Jan. 4. Updates to this dashboard will be made each Friday to reflect the current week of testing and the semester to date. As of Friday, Feb. 5, a total of 542 tests have been performed this week, with 98.9 percent being negative and 1.1 percent being positive. There have been 991 total tests performed this semester, with 99.4 percent of them being negative, and 0.6 percent of them being positive. This week, there has been one self-reported case on the North Manchester campus, and four self-reported cases on the Fort Wayne campus.

### Local figures

- On Saturday, the ISDH reported 38 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,194, with 13,618 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 4.9 percent.
- On Sunday, the ISDH reported nine new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's

total to 3,202, with 13,671 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 4.5 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 15.6 percent.

- On Monday, the ISDH reported seven new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,210, with 13,668 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 4.5 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 13.1 percent.
- On Tuesday, the ISDH reported 12 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,222, with 13,669 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 4.1 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 12.1 percent.

### Statewide figures

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 1,225 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 641,874 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

A total of 11,526 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 67 from the previous day. Another 416 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

To date, 3,015,385 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,011,185 on Monday. A total of 7,328,824 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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Penguin Point's Wally mascot visited the North Manchester campus on Wednesday, Feb. 4 to deliver the donation to Manny, MU's mascot.

# Penguin Point fundraiser aids Manchester University

Partial meal purchase donation raised \$409

By ANNE GREGORY

On Jan. 17, Penguin Point restaurants in North Manchester and Wabash donated 10 percent of meal purchases to Manchester University during the

“Let’s Get Right to the Point!” campaign. It raised \$409 for the University. “This was a win-win,” said Janeen Kooi, director of the Manchester Fund and donor relations. “Everyone who got the Point that day supported a local business and Manchester University students! What better way to

spend mealtime on a Sunday than by helping others?” Penguin Point’s Wally mascot visited the North Manchester campus on Wednesday, Feb. 4 to deliver the donation to Manny, MU’s mascot. *Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.*

# Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

The program will be led by Wabash City Schools’ Emily Tracy

STAFF REPORT

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County’s Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office, according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse. The Process Communication Model (PCM) is an in-depth professional development program that uses human behavior to predict, observe and analyze how a person communicates and responds to conflict. Through a preliminary evaluation before the course,

each participant will learn their strengths and weakness in communication and find ways to effectively leverage those strengths and mitigate those weaknesses in the real world. This workshop will be led by Wabash City Schools’ Emily Tracy, who is a certified PCM facilitator. Over the three days, Tracy will guide the cohort through the analysis and understanding of their communication styles, distress reactions and help them develop strategies to better communicate as leaders in both their professional and personal lives. Tracy will utilize written as well as hands-on activities to illustrate the core principles of the PCM philosophy. Past participants that have attended Tracy’s workshops through Wabash City Schools have called the experience an “engaging jour-

ney of self-discovery,” and gave them “a different perspective on human behavior.” Registration for this workshop will be limited to 12 attendees to assure the best workshop experience while still observing necessary social distancing recommendations. Tuition for the workshop will be \$550 until March 9, when the cost will go up to \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant’s course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested themselves or representatives for their companies can do so at [www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop) or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or 260-563-5258.

# Southwood and Metro North Kindergarten Round-Ups revealed

Families must register for no later than March 8

STAFF REPORT

MSD is ready to welcome the Class of 2034, according to director of communication and community engagement Laura Langebartels. Children who will be at least five years of age on or before Aug. 1 are eligible to participate in kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. “It is very important for the incoming kindergartener to attend Kindergarten Round-up,” said Langelbarts. This year’s Kindergarten Round-Ups will take place at the elementary schools. Southwood Elementary will host their Round-Up on Wednesday, March 10, and Metro North Elementary will hold theirs on Thursday, March 11. To accommodate social distancing, families will be assigned an arrival time

based on their availability. Guests should be limited to only one or two adult guardians with the child. Guardians should bring a copy of the child’s official birth certificate and vaccination records with them to Kindergarten Round-Up. This year’s Round-Ups will look a bit different than in years past due to the social distancing adjustments. Families will have the opportunity to explore the classrooms and interact with the kindergarten teachers. Health services such as eye exams, dental checks, and vaccinations will not be offered during Round-Up this year. “As parents navigate the important decision of where to send their child to school, the staff of MSD of Wabash County want to help,” said Langebartels. “They encourage parents who are unsure

if an MSDWC school is the right choice for their family to reach out. The Southwood and Metro North staff would be honored to provide information, answer questions, and even give individual tours of the school. Please connect with the school staff and let them know how they can journey with you through this important transitional stage.” Families must register for Kindergarten Round-Up no later than March 8. To register, visit [www.msdlw.com](http://www.msdlw.com). For more information about Southwood Elementary School, email Principal Phil Boone at [boonepr@msdlw.com](mailto:boonepr@msdlw.com). For more information about Metro North Elementary School, email Principal Janette Moore at [moorej@msdlw.com](mailto:moorej@msdlw.com).

# Twisted prayers and temptations to worship political power

Having reached the vice president’s chair in the U.S. Senate, the self-proclaimed QAnon shaman, UFO expert and metaphysical healer removed his coyote-skin and buffalo horns headress and announced, with a megaphone, that it was time to pray. “Thank you, Heavenly Father ... for this opportunity to stand up for our

Terry Mattingly



God-given inalienable rights,” proclaimed Jake “Yellowstone Wolf” Angeli (born Jacob Chansley), his face painted red, white and blue, and his torso tattooed with Norse symbols that his critics link to the extreme right. “Thank you, divine, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent Creator God for filling this chamber with your white light and love,” he added, in a prayer captured on video by a correspondent working for The New Yorker. “Thank you for filling this chamber with patriots that love you and that love Christ. ... Thank you, divine Creator God, for surrounding and filling us with the divine, omnipresent white light of love and protection, of peace and harmony. Thank you for allowing the United States of America to be reborn. Thank you for allowing us to get rid of the communists, the globalists and the traitors within our government.” Many phrases in this rambling prayer would sound familiar to worshippers in ordinary churches across America, said Joe Carter, an editor with the Gospel Coalition and a pastor with McLean Bible Church near Washington, D.C. But the prayer also included

strange twists and turns that betrayed some extreme influences and agendas. “This is a man who has described himself as pagan, as an ordained minister, in fact,” said Carter, reached by telephone. “The alt-right has always included some pagan influences. But now it’s obvious that leaders with QAnon and other conspiracy theorists have learned that if they toss in some Christian imagery, then they’ll really expand their base and their potential reach one-hundredfold.” Law-enforcement officials will soon present evidence attempting to prove who planned key elements of the illegal riot that crashed into the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, after the legal “March to Save America” backing former President Donald Trump’s disproven claim that fraud cost him the White House. This is just the latest example of how conspiracy theories, on the left and right, have soaked into public discourse about COVID-19 vaccines, Big Tech monopolies, sinister human-trafficking networks and, of course, alleged illegal activities in the 2016 and 2020 elections. There is no way to deny that this digital tornado has shaken many Protestant churches, according to a new Lifeway Research survey. It asked clergy to respond to this statement: “I frequently hear members of my congregation repeating conspiracy theories they have heard about why something is happening in our country.” Nearly half (49 percent) of participating pastors agreed with that statement, and 13 percent strongly agreed. Another 47 percent disagreed, including 26 percent who strongly disagreed. Only 5 percent said they were not sure. The survey included a

balance of large- and small-church leaders. Pastors of churches with more than 250 in attendance were the most likely to agree (61 percent). White pastors (50 percent) were more likely than Black pastors (36 percent) to say that they frequently hear conspiracy theory talk in their flocks. Carter said it’s interesting that older pastors in this survey – 65 years of age and up – were the most likely to say that they haven’t experienced this trend. That could mean that they are unplugged from online life or that “it’s younger pastors who are listening more carefully and then they recognize what they’re hearing,” he said. Last spring, Carter wrote a “What Christians Should Know About QAnon” feature for the Gospel Coalition’s website that urged pastors and evangelical leaders to take this “political cult” more seriously. At that point, he wrote: “Christians should care about QAnon because it’s a satanic movement infiltrating our churches. Although the movement is still fringe, it is likely that someone in your church or social media circles has either already bought into the conspiracy or thinks it’s plausible and worth exploring.” Carter said he would use “stronger language” if writing today. “So many people are being tempted to turn politics into an idol,” he said. More and more Americans seem to believe that “what’s really important in the world is politics, while religious faith is something weak for old ladies. What matters is political power – period. That’s a dangerous temptation.” *Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.*



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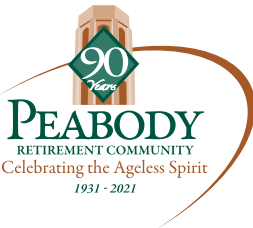
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